

around the clearing, without allowing themselves to be seen, and directly the antelope attempted to break out, to stop its way, regardless of danger from its horns, overpower, and kill it.

The difficulty was to carry through this operation without alarming an animal whose sight is so keen, hearing so sharp, and scent so delicate.

While Jenny and Susan and Dolly and Bob halted behind a bush, Fritz, Frank, James, Captain Gould, and the boatswain, armed only with their pocket knives, began to work round the clearing, keeping well under cover in the thickets.

The antelope went on drinking at the stream, showing no signs of uneasiness, until Fritz got up sharply and uttered a loud shout*

At once the animal sprang up, stretched out its-neck, and jumped towards the brake, which it could have cleared in a single leap.

- It made for the side where Frank and John Block

were standing, each with knife in hand,

. The beast sprang, but took off badly, fell back, bowled the boatswain over, and struggled to rise.

Then up came Fritz, and, throwing himself upon the animal, succeeded in driving his knife into its flank. But this one blow would not have been-

sufficient if Captain Gould had not
succeeded in
cutting its throat.

The animal lay motionless among the
branches,
and the boatswain got up nimbly.